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Title: IMPLANT DELIVERY SYSTEM WITH INTERLOCK

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- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Amendment and Response
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- ☒ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 1 Reference(s)
- ☒ Terminal Disclaimer, Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)
- ☒ Check in the amount of \$470 for Additional Claims Fee
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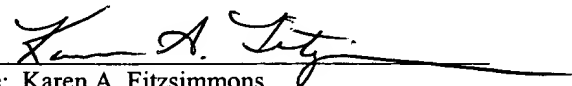
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Fee
Total Claims								
53	-	46	=	7	x	18.00	=	\$126.00
Independent Claims								
11	-	7	=	4	x	86.00	=	\$344.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE								\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE								470.00

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